

**HIGHLAND MAIN STREET MEETING**  
**Highland Town Hall- Highland, Indiana 46322**  
**JANUARY 5, 2017 MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

At 6:31 PM, the Highland Main Street (HMS) meeting was called to order by President Dawn Diamantopoulos at Highland Town Hall, 3333 Ridge Road in Highland, Indiana.

**Roll Call:**

The following members of the Highland Main Street Board were present: Dawn Diamantopoulos, Marie Russo, Marion Case, Julie Larson and Redevelopment Assistant Lance Ryskamp. Mario DeGeorge, Dan Dunn, Tracy Oprea, Alicia Rosignol, and Jen Duncan were absent. Also present was Lola McKay, who had submitted an application for a 2017 appointment to HMS. Lance noted that the Town Council had not yet made any appointments for the 2017 HMS Bureau to date.

**Minutes:**

Minutes from the March 3, 2016, April 7, 2016, May 5, 2016, June 2, 2016, July 7, 2016, September 1, 2016, October 13, 2016, November 3, 2016, and December 1, 2016 meetings were not approved due to the lack of a quorum.

**Town Theatre**

Lance reported that at least 50 people attended the Pre-Bid Conference. Bids on the Town Theatre project are due by noon, January 16<sup>th</sup>. A presentation to the Town Council will be made at the Council's study session on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. It was also announced that Town Theatre, Inc. was approved by the IRS for 501 (c) (3) status.

**Highland Rookery**

No report

**Pop-Up Gallery**

Dawn reported that she would contact Hoosier Highlander to see if the owners would be interested in hosting a pop-up gallery in the coming months.

**Coupon Program**

No report

**Car Cruise**

No report

**Festival of the Trail**

No report.

**Façade Improvement Grant**

Lance reported that the Redevelopment Commission had reimbursed Highland Glass, upon completion of their façade project. He also reported that the façade projects for The Hydrant and The Corporate Thread are still ongoing.

**Christkindlmarket**

No report. This item will be removed from future agendas.

**Cash Mobs**

No report, though Lance mentioned that Miles Books was advertising a “Cash Mob” there, sponsored by an unknown entity.

**Municipal Parking Lot**

Lance said he was not sure if Cecile had contacted the Public Works Department to see if their contractor could plant and maintain that area, if the Commission will provide the funds for the plants. He said he would follow-up on that.

**Community Garden**

No report. This item will be removed from future agendas.

**Art & Cultural District Plan**

No report.

**Poet Laureate**

There was no update on the Good Beer & Bad Poetry event. Julie said she would prepare for a call out in February for the next Poet Laureate.

**Sculpture and Art Tour of Highland**

Lance reported that no site has been finalized for the new sculpture chosen in the fall. He said that there is the possibility of a pedestal being donated for the sculpture to be placed on. It was also discussed to explore other community’s projects to artistically “wrap” above-ground utility boxes.

**Farmers’ Market Musicians**

Lance reported that the Commission had approved funding for the 2017 Street Musician’s program. The Park Department and Michelle Velez had both been notified of the approval.

**Applications for Highland Main Street Board for 2017**

Lance reviewed who had submitted applications, to date, to be appointed to HMS for 2017. Including those submitted at the meeting, 2017 applications submitted were: Dawn Diamantopoulos, Marion Case, Marie Russo, Julie Larson and Lola McKay. Lance said he would forward all applications to the Town Council for their consideration.

### **Explorer's Group**

Dawn reported that there will be a meeting on January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm concerning the Town Theatre Oral History project. She said the next project they were looking at was reviewing all of the old theatre documents and creating a digital archive.

### **Highland Main Street Ordinance**

In December, the group considered the following changes in the ordinance:

1. Under Membership, keep a minimum of seven appointments; however, leave out an upper limit.
2. Under Membership, eliminate the required appointments to HMS from the Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development Commission, Redevelopment Commission, and the Town Council.
3. Under Quorum, substitute "majority of those present" instead of a majority of members.

Lance distributed a draft of the ordinance, with the suggested changes in it. After further discussion, it was suggested that an alternative version under proposed change #2 be considered also, in which the language keeping the required positions would be maintained, with the addition phrase "...or their representative..." added. Lance said he draft the second alternative and forward all suggested changes to the Town Council.

### **Discussion**

Lance distributed the HMS 2016 Goals for everyone to review prior to the next meeting, where work will begin on the 2017 Goals.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 PM.